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METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SPECIFIC ANTISERUM AGAINST THE UNIVERSAL TUMOROUS ANTIGEN AND METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING

MALIGNANT TUMORS USING THE ANTISERUM

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDA

ATTN: BOX PCT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel Page 1 and replace with new Page 1 and 1a, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## REMARKS

By this Second Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, page 1 has been substituted by new pages 1 and 1a to show the cross-reference to